



## A Publication of News and Events

*The best place to find a helping hand is at the end of your own arm.*

Swedish proverb

*People have a yearning to live in nice places and planning contributes to that. The whole central focus of the communities that I looked at was focusing on what makes them special. A balance between development and conservation can be achieved by integrating open space into the fabric of the community and by working with the developer to design a project that fits into your context. Successful planning relies on a cooperative effort. There must be a culture of planners.*

Gene Bunnell, American Institute of Certified Planners, keynote speaker at a conference by the Eastern Shore Land Conservancy

*I feel responsible when it comes to our citizens, our choice to expand our town, and the impact it will have on our town and our county. We would never have gone down this path if it was not going to make this a better place to live for everyone in the Trappe district. If the county is going to take over 11 million dollars in excise/impact fees from our development, those monies should be paid toward the impact that the county is declaring the development will make, such as a library or park in Trappe versus having those funds mingled in the county budget for any type of spending.*

Cheryl Lewis, Town Council President

*I am proud to work with the Trappe Town Council and Planning Commission. I am more proud of these people than I am even of my own role in this project.*

Robert Rauch, Rocks & Rauch Engineering

### A LIBRARY FOR TRAPPE

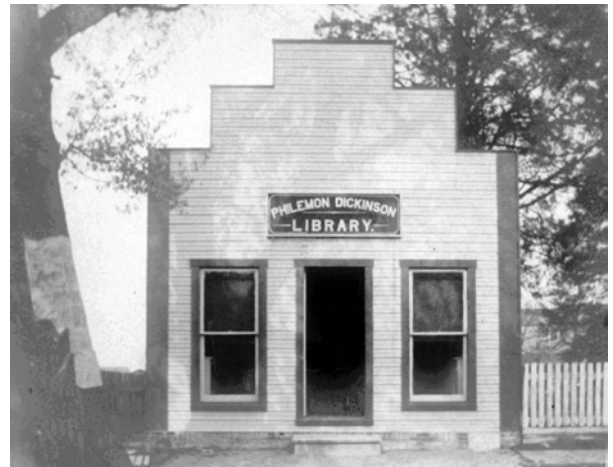
by James Dawson (Unicorn Books)

At the April 7th town meeting, Robert Horvath the Director of the Talbot County Free Library, proposed that a library be established in Trappe. This would not be just a town library, but a fully equipped and fully functional branch of the county library system that would perform many services to help fill the increasing needs of the lower half of the county.

Libraries are not just buildings full of books anymore, but serve as important community focal points providing a wide range of services to their patrons including high speed internet to sites that they may not be able to access at home, access to a wide range of reference materials including links to local and state governments, story hours and other programs for Trappe area school children and meeting rooms for various local groups.

St. Michaels established their branch almost 25 years ago. It started as a grass roots project that developed such community support that a much enlarged and remodeled building will be opened this summer. It stands as something that our neighbors there can be proud of.

Trappe had a library once before in its history, the Philemon Dickinson Library, from 1903 to about 1923 and the time has come that we have another one. Trappe area residents need to form a committee to work with the town, developers and the Library to get this worthy project underway.



Trappe's Philemon Dickinson Library, 1903 to ~1923

### FROM THE TOWN CLERK:

- ⊗ Please review your copy of the Annual Water Report enclosed in this newsletter - copies are also available at the Town Hall.
- ☺ Warm weather has arrived, please remember to watch out for our young (& young at heart) citizens who are outside playing!!!
- 🐾 Don't forget our leash law, for the safety of your pet and out of courtesy to your neighbors, please do not allow pets to wander...
- 🍲 Trappe Pottery makes good last minute Mother's Day gifts!! Available at the Town Hall...
- 🌱 The grass is growing again... keep your water meter areas clear to assist our town employees in reading your meter...
  - ⌘ Found: Boy's bicycle at the old baseball field. Please call 410-476-3910 to describe and claim.



## Meet your Town Commissioners...

## Danny Adams

By: C. Lewis



"I grew up in this town as a child, my family has been here and I have watched this town grow over the last 10 to 15 years, I would like the opportunity to put my two cents in to help that growth."

"Of course I would like to have more time off, but I will give every hour that I can give  
...I want to help out in this town."

*Danny Adams response to citizen's questions during the 2001 campaign*

**Looking for Mr. Adams...** Danny is a local boy, a lifelong resident who lives in La-Trappe Heights with his wife Florence and their two children, Logan and Liston. He became Town Commissioner following the move of former Commissioner Dick Darling in 2001 and is currently responsible for the Town's Public Works. Spring is not the best time to interview Danny...when he is not running his construction company or performing his duties as a Town Commissioner, he is on a ball field...

Little League, Junior League, Girl's Softball, even Umpiring, Danny is known to most kids as Coach. We found him on Home Run Baker's Opening Day lining up his Junior League team for their introduction. Moments later his truck was packed with young men in their crisp new uniforms, excited and anxious as they headed out to Cordova for a game...



## Home Run Baker Little League Opening Day

By: C. Lewis

It was a beautiful, warm, sunny Saturday Morning at the new Home Run Baker Park. Boys and girls of all ages and sizes were running around cheerfully greeting each other, while pushing their way through parents with cameras and coaches with rosters, who were attempting to organize their teams for the official ceremony. For a few moments it was just pleasant chaos and it seemed as if everyone was content to enjoy the moment. The ceremony opened, with coaches introducing their players and assistants, starting with the oldest and ending with the youngest players. All the teams lined up to give allegiance to our flag as Pastor Ruthann Simpson blessed us with her singing. And in a blink it was over, some ran off to fields to ready themselves for their games, others rushed to waiting vehicles to head out for away games and some decided they had waited long enough and lined up at the concession stand to sample the morning candy offering. It was a wonderful start to a beautiful day and a reminder of why baseball is the great American past time!! Thank you to all the volunteers that work so hard to make this happen for our children!!



### News from the Friends of Home Run Baker Park...

Three new scoreboards have been ordered and should arrive by May 20th. Installation and wiring should be completed within a week of arrival. The walking track is being dug and, weather permitting, will be completed by the end of May. Great news!!! For information please contact Janis Lester at 410.476.3580 or [jalester@yahoo.com](mailto:jalester@yahoo.com)



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# Congratulations!

Ronnie Foster completed the Firefighter I course. Richard Carroll completed a Haz Mat Tech class. Timmy Anderson & Nikki Schult passed EMT Class Town Planner, Frank Hall gave a presentation to graduate students in a Washington College class called Sustainable Community Development, Tools for Land Preservation ... Nelson Auction Gallery was featured in the May/June issue of *Chesapeake Life* magazine ... Rev. Rodger Tilden announced his resignation from St. Paul's Church to "really" retire ... All Students who worked hard to make Honor Roll and Principal's Honor Roll ... All Students who made All-Mid-Shore sports teams ... The Easton High School Chapter of Habitat for Humanity and White Marsh Elementary School raised an impressive \$194.64 through a Penny Drive. The EHS Habitat for Humanity Campus Chapter includes these past graduates of WMES: Officers—Emily Gorin, Katherine Parrott, Betsy Urso, Catherine Counts; Members—Amy Lester, Erin Lewis, Robin Loscomb, and Becky Remesch ... The Easton Middle School Band earned their 17<sup>th</sup> consecutive "Superior Rating" at the District Band Festival. ... Lyndsey Hill received the Giant Fine Arts Student of the Month award for March. Lyndsey is a junior and plays alto saxophone in the Easton High School Concert, Jazz, and Marching Bands ... The Easton High School Bands won First Place in the Regional Musical Festival Competition ... Christy Towers, a student at Easton High School won First and Second Place in the ninth Annual Regional Poetry Contest sponsored by the Talbot, Caroline, Cecil, Kent, and Queen Anne's County Arts Councils. Her First Place poem is included here in commemoration of Memorial Day.

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by Christie Towers

in the half-light of dusk she comes alive:  
my grandmother steps from the photograph  
making little drops of dead sound

the clunk clunk clunk of bones on the floor

her dry tongue flicks over porcelain teeth  
she unravels her hair like a story, holding up  
one red-grey strand for my inspection

as if to say, here is the break  
as if to say, stranger  
as if to say, leave me leave me

she creaks back into the frozen smile of death

in the spring i will stand on the green remnant of her life  
and wonder at the owner of her name  
and wonder at the date carved below

as if to say, here is the break  
as if to say, stranger  
as if to say, leave me leave me

## 3/4 of the way there and counting!!



### 100 Things to Love About Trappe

(Here are a few, please send in your own until we reach 100)

- 70 Seagulls following tractors during Spring plowing
- 71 Seven Sisters Quilting Guild
- 72 The faith and dedication of our church congregations
- 73 Parents & grown children who still live in town
- 74 Children out playing until dusk on warm summer nights
- 75 Strolling through town after dark and before sunrise

The Edward Cannon Memorial was officially dedicated on April 7, 2004, Maryland Arbor Day. The plaque, including Ed's own shovel and clippers, now hangs at the rear of the Council Chambers at the Town Hall. The inscription reads:

*There are people in the life of a small town who have a positive effect on their surroundings just by the way they choose to live their lives. Ed was just this sort of person. His lifelong fascination with horticulture became his gift to his neighbors. He gave this expertise selflessly and often. If anyone had a question about a plant or tree, Ed was the person to call. He always traveled with several shovels and burlap squares tucked away in the trunk of his car., just in case someone needed help picking out a tree or planting a bush. Ed was always kind and giving of his time, talent, and help.*

*For these and dozens of other reasons, the Town Commissioners of Trappe recognize Mr. Edward C. Cannon as a "Town Treasure." He will be sorely missed.*



### Baked Breakfast Sandwiches

(easy enough for kids to make for Mom's breakfast in bed)

1/2 Tablespoon butter, softened

3 hamburger rolls

3 slices ham, cut in half

3/4 cup shredded cheddar cheese

6 large eggs - preheat oven to 350 degrees



Lightly butter 6 muffin cups in a muffin tin. Gently press half a hamburger roll into each of the 6 cups. Press a piece of ham into each roll, then sprinkle each with about 1 Tablespoon cheese. Break an egg into each cup, taking care not to break yolks. Place muffin tin in oven and bake 8 minutes. Remove from oven; sprinkle with remaining cheese and return to oven for 5 minutes. Serves 6.



### Hold That Thought

By Ann Dorbin

### "Slippers"

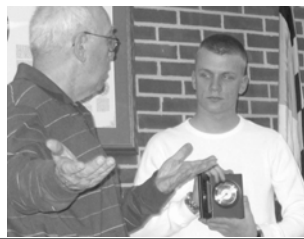
"You know, some people think flannel pajamas are sexy!" an unfamiliar voice said as I checked my P.O. Box. I had been working in my home office since 5:30 a.m. and thrown my coat on over my pee-jays as I scurried out the door to drop off my son at school. Who would make such a comment? A salesperson? My husband? My best friend? Nope, it was a total stranger. "I do it all the time," she admitted. "It drives my husband crazy!" Only another mother would understand the "fashion statement" of dashing out the door to run a quick errand wearing a coat over flannel

pajamas and slippers. Here is how the mother-mind works when piecing together a morning's schedule: can I do what I need to do from behind the wheel or at counters where no one will notice my lower half? Funny, in my younger days I used to roll my eyes when my father-in-law wore his leather slippers all over town. Now that I'm older, with four kids and at least as many jobs, I find myself "slipping" into this mode. Dads may train the family dog to "Fetch my pipe and slippers," but Moms usually grab their own slippers on the way to fetching a whole lot more. Whether you prefer slippers, flats, pumps, or hikers, Happy Mother's Day to you!

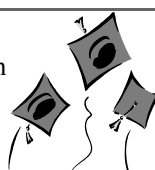





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# May 2004



SPC Steve Grafton received a hometown commendation from the Town of Trappe at the April Town Meeting while home from active duty in Iraq. (shown here receiving his Town Clock from Town Commissioner, Edgar Harrison).

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Please submit Calendar Events and News Items to the Town Office or call Ann Dorbin at 410-476-3910 or email tinman@friend.ly.net NEXT SUBMISSION DEADLINE is May 21, 2004				Help need !!! EHS After Graduation Party - Call Linda 410-364-5270 Or Tracy 410-822-1869		1 SUMC 7am Yard & Bake Sale  EMS 7 - 12 'Team' Yard Sale EMS Sat School 9am EHS Prom
2	3	4 GS Troop 289 WMES 4pm  TUMC Quit Smoking 7pm  EHS After Graduation Party Mtg 7pm  EHS Band Boosters Mtg 7pm  SUMC 7:30 pm Mens's Bible Study	5 Trappe Public Hearing 7:15 pm Town Hall Trappe Town Meeting 7:30 pm Town Hall  SUMC 11am Young @ Heart SUMC 2 pm Mid Day Bible SUMC 7 pm Evening Bible  EHS Dual Enrollment Registration 8:30 am WMES PTO Mtg 7 pm  Cinco de Mayo	6 WMES Mother's Day Flower Sale 7:15 pm Town Hall National Day of Prayer "Let Freedom Ring" Prayer Tent Talbot Evangelistic 10am-6pm  SUMC 5:30 pm Youth Praise Dept.  GS Troop #906 WME Fly Up Ceremony 6:30pm AA Mtg 6:30pm St. Paul's Nurse's Day	7 WMES Mother's Day Flower Sale  WMES Shorebirds 'Hit the Books' ends  St. Paul's Artist's Group 9:30 am  Seven Sisters Quilting TVFD 7 pm	8 Trappe UMC 7:30 am Country Church Breakfast  EHS Cheerleader's Competition Hershey, PA 4am - 11pm  Childhood Safety Awareness Day Wheeler Volvo 12pm
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16 July 18th AP Science Symposium EHS 6-8 pm  July 21st FFA Chicken BBQ Lowe's Parking Lot 10 am rain/shine	17 EMS 8 am Quarterly Testing Math May 17th & 18th  EHS 6 pm SAT Prep Course  EHS 6 pm Awards Ceremony	18 GS Troop 289 WMES 4pm EHS 6pm SAT Prep Course EMS 6pm Score/Team Dinner Celebration St. Paul's 6 pm Preschool Art Show & Fall Registration TUMC Quit Smoking 7pm EHS After Graduation Party Mtg 7pm SUMC Men's Study 7:30 EHS Band Concert 8 pm	19 Trappe Planning Commission Mtg 7:30 pm  EHS TCPS Brd Mtg 7 pm  SUMC 11 am Young at Heart SUMC 2 pm Mid Day Bible SUMC 7 pm Evening Bible  'Free Enterprise' Gala EMS 6pm - 8pm	20 SUMC 5:30 pm Youth Praise Dept.  AA Mtg. 6:30 pm St. Paul's  EHS Choral Concert EHS 8pm	21 Town Supper Trappe Volunteer Fire Department "Roast Beef" \$7 6pm fill...  St. Paul's Artist Group 9:30am  Spring Fling Dance EMS 6pm - 9pm	22 Trappe UMC 7:30 am Country Church Breakfast  SUMC BBQ 8am  EMS SGA Field Trip 12am - 9pm  EMS USSSA Basketball Tournament 8am - 10pm
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Little girl with big basket at Trappe United Methodist Easter Egg Hunt



Trappe Volunteer Fire Department's Breakfast was a family affair for the McCrackins... at work and play...



Dolly Taylor & Mary Getsinger, perennial figures in St. Paul's kitchen. A diner enjoys his home cooked 'Baked Chicken' with a copy of the Index.



## OUT & ABOUT

Donald Brown cooked @ Scott's Good Friday Fish Fry. Laura Wilson & Eloise Brown making change.



### FOR SALE: TRAPPE POTTERY

Beautiful, ceramic pottery pieces of all kinds ~  
Ovenproof, Microwavable, Dishwasher-safe  
Many pieces to choose from ~ including commemorative designs for Town churches

Perfect gifts for Mother's Day, graduation, Father's Day, weddings, anniversaries, housewarmings, collectors & more

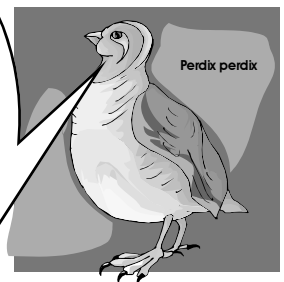
New pieces include a Partridge Design and St. Paul's Episcopal Church

**\*\*\*COMING SOON: White Marsh Elementary Design!!**

For more information please stop by or call the Town Office at 410.476.3170



Phew!  
Considering the way these people like to eat, when I heard about the new "partridge" plate, I thought they meant I was next on the menu!!!



### Letters to the Editor

*I look forward to receiving The Index. It is the first thing I read when I open the water bill for White Marsh Elementary. I especially like the completeness of the monthly calendar.*

Charles Connolly, Comptroller, Talbot County Public Schools

*Thank you for sending the monthly newsletters. I have been enjoying sharing them with my mother-in-law, Tamsey Miller. We get to learn about a lot of things going on in the area. (smiling)*

Teila Potter-Miller

*I love getting The Index each month. You all are doing a great job with it.*

Tina Anderson, TVFD EMT

*I especially enjoyed the article about the Scotts Town Supper in the April issue of The Index. They were rockin' in that kitchen!*

Daphne Garner, Postmistress

*I've been living here over 60 years and I've never had a bad meal from Scotts yet!*

Edgar Harrison, Town Council Vice President

Come join us for our 2004



**Strawberry Festival**  
**Trappe United**  
**Methodist Church**

**Sat · June 5th · 12pm - 6pm**

**Yard Sale, Bake Table & Festivities**  
**Food, Fun & Fellowship for Young & Old**

**Volunteers & Donations welcome**

**Contact: Rose @ 410-476-5931 or**

**gardenstar@automated computers.com**

**Proceeds help send local children to**

**Camp Pecometh in Centerville, MD**

## FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS:

Electronics!



### Annual Community Yard Sale

Trappe Volunteer Firehouse  
Sat., June 5, 2004

7-12 p.m.

Currently Accepting Items for Donations  
Tables Available for Rent  
Contact: Kari Diefenderfer 410-476-3882  
Angie Asmussen 410-476-3063

Tools!

Appliances!



Gardening Tools!



**BOOT SCOOTIN' AT THE FIRE HALL**  
**JOIN US FOR LINE DANCING**  
**EVERY THURSDAY FROM 7:00-10:00 PM**  
**BEGINNING May 13<sup>th</sup> \$8.00 PER NIGHT**  
(Includes lessons @ 6:45 if needed)  
Refreshments & Smokefree  
Info: Steve Moody at 410.382.4655  
or [djstevemoody@yahoo.com](mailto:djstevemoody@yahoo.com)



\*\*\* Town Supper May 21st \*\*\*

**50/50 bingo**  
**May 22nd ~ 7 PM ~ Jackpot: \$500**  
~ Refreshments ~  
Info: Willie Smith 410-758-7603



## "Splash Flood"

And they say there is no waterfront property in Trappe!

Heavy rains combined with clogged storm drains can cause our streets to flood. Shown here after a downpour, the intersection of Main Street and Greenfield Avenue flooded to a level of at least two feet. Although this scene may seem like a fun time for big wheelers joy riding, keeping the storm drains clear is expensive and uses your tax dollars that could be put to better use. Please remove lawn clippings from the street and keep street gutters cleaned of debris. Please contact the Town Office at 410.476.3170 if you have questions.

## Spotlight on Local Business

**That Hair Place**

HAIRCUTS PERMS COLOR

Mary Wilson 476-3898

Treat Mom to a fresh hair style without having to leave town. That Hair Place has been in business for 30 years, 25 of those from Mary Wilson's shop on Harrison Circle. Mary's customers include men, women & children of all ages from throughout the area. "I appreciate the support of my customers over all these years," Mary says. "There is no other place I would rather live and work."



## St. Paul's Preschool will hold it's annual Student Art Show and September 2004 registration

May 18th at 6:00 p.m.

Come out and see the beautiful art work our students  
have done this year.

Pictured is Emily Christopher creating an entry for the Show.  
For more info call Lori Hemming at (410) 476-4465.

## ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

An Adult Artist's Group  
is now meeting at St.  
Paul's on Friday morn-  
ings. All levels are wel-  
come. Please call Mary  
Gettsinger for more  
info: 410-476-3035.

## Margaret Barnaby Willis Stevens

A Special "Mother" Figure to Many in Trappe

**M**argaret Stevens grew up on Clara Dorsey Farm on Island Creek at Clara's Point. She remembers when the creeks near her girlhood home were populated by her many cousins and when relatives and friends from the city traveled to visit the farm. She lived through the war years and knew a time when Trappe had its own doctor. Her family sewed quilts by hand and she grew up to be a fine seamstress. In her later years, Mrs. Stevens moved to Main Street in town. Even though she was more than 90 years old, she continued to practice her sewing skills "Oh yes," says Town Clerk, Joedy Cecil, "she was everybody's mother or grandmother. She hemmed pants for every man in town." Mrs. Stevens would leave the finished garments in her front foyer, where her customers picked them up in exchange for a small fee (as little as \$1.00 per pair of pants). She also took in mending for the Fire Department and even helped repair the seats of the busses that transported children to and from school. Not long ago, Mrs. Stevens moved to the Dixon House in Easton. When I visited her, she showed me a drawing by John Moll of the family farm (pictured) and photographs of her ancestors, including one stately looking gentleman who sailed directly from England. Congratulations to Margaret Stevens as she celebrates her 97<sup>th</sup> birthday on May 24<sup>th</sup>.

